

TASK 2.

Read the following text and choose a word from the word bank below.
ONLY ONE word is possible for each blank. There are **FOUR EXTRA** words.
Write the right word for each gap in the box provided in the box below.
Blank 0 has been done as an example. (0.5x20 = 10 marks)

GIRL STARVED TO DEATH WHILE PARENTS (0)_RAISED_ VIRTUAL CHILD IN ONLINE GAME

“Korean couple became obsessed with raising virtual baby while their real infant daughter
_____1_____ abandoned and unfed”

South Korean police have arrested a couple for _____2_____ their three-month-old daughter to death while they devoted hours to _____3_____ a computer game that involved raising a virtual character of a young girl.

The 41-year-old man and 25-year-old woman, _____4_____ met through a chat website, reportedly left their infant unattended while they went to internet cafes. They only occasionally dropped by to _____5_____ her powdered milk.

"I am sorry for _____6_____ I did and hope that my daughter does not suffer any more in heaven," the husband is quoted as saying on the *asiaone* website.

According to the Yonhap news agency, South Korean police said the couple had become obsessed _____7_____ raising a virtual girl called Anima in the popular role-playing game Prius Online. The game, similar to Second Life, allows players to create another existence for themselves in a virtual world, including getting a job, interacting with _____8_____ users and earning an extra avatar to nurture _____9_____ they reach a certain level.

"The couple seemed to have lost their will to live a normal life _____10_____ they didn't have jobs and gave birth to a premature baby," Chung Jin-Won, a police officer, told Yonhap. "They indulged themselves in the online game of raising a virtual character _____11_____ as to escape from reality, which led to the death of their real baby."

Last September after a 12-hour gaming-session the couple came home in the morning to find their daughter dead. The baby's malnourished body aroused police _____12_____ of neglect that were confirmed after an autopsy.

The couple fled to the wife's parents' house in Yangju, Gyeonggi province, but _____13_____ picked up on Monday. The case has shocked [South Korea](#) and once _____14_____ highlighted obsessive behaviour related to the internet.

A 22-year-old Korean man was _____15_____ last month with murdering his mother because she nagged him for spending too much time playing [games](#). After killing her the man went to a _____16_____ internet cafe and continued with his game, said officials. In 2005 a young man collapsed in an internet cafe in the city of Taegu after playing the game StarCraft _____17_____ continuously for 50 hours. He went into cardiac arrest and died at a local hospital.

Lee Joung-sun, an MP from the ruling Grand National party, last month submitted a bill restricting the hours offered to online gamers. Several bills are pending in the national assembly suggesting _____18_____ on teenagers' use of internet cafes and games.

Research published last month in the UK showed evidence of a link _____19_____ excessive internet use and depression. Leeds University researchers, writing in the Psychopathology journal, said a small proportion of internet users were classed as internet addicts and that people in this group were more _____20_____ to be depressed than non-addicted users.

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